

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Stow Fire Department responded to many Brush Fires and investigations of outdoor smoke calls in the year 2010.

The Town Forest and other conservation lands were patrolled regularly for fallen trees and limbs that block the fire roads. Brush cutting was also performed where required to keep the roads open for Fire Apparatus.

The open burning season was once again very busy for the Fire Department. 486 burning permits were issued from January 15 until April 30, 2010. Those who wish to burn brush must be sure to come to the Stow Fire Station to obtain a burning permit. For the day you wish to burn, you call the Fire Department before you begin burning (after 9:00 am). The number to call is 897-4537. We allow burning between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm with permission from the Fire Department depending on staffing and weather conditions. This allows us to have the appropriate personnel available in case your fire gets out of control.

I would like to thank the State Forest Fire Division and the Sudbury Fire Tower for all their help in locating and extinguishing some of these fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McLaughlin, Forest Warden

EMERGENCY SERVICES

We are the point of contact for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The LEPC is comprised of a number of many cross-functional departments that have demonstrated the ability to professionally manage emergency incidents in Stow. We are extremely fortunate to have such a talented group of volunteers. They have handled everything from desktop exercises to real emergencies opening and managing emergency shelters. In the beginning, the LEPC met monthly until we were operational ready, the group now meets on a quarterly basis or sooner if an emergency arises. Our meetings take place at our primary shelter, which is the Hale School.

The Stow Emergency Management Team responded to several recent major weather-related natural disasters. In 2009 we had the Ice Storm, 2010 the March spring floods and the countless winter snow storms in the winter of 2010/2011. We worked closely with the Highway, Fire and Police Departments to mitigate and manage the town's recovery efforts. After two incidents, a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was on site in Stow for several weeks. We collected and consolidated the necessary paperwork to apply for reimbursement of Stow's expenses. This financial recovery effort has proved to be very successful in returning thousands of dollars for the Town's out-of-pocket disaster expenditures back to the general fund for Police, Fire, and Highway.

The LEPC recently received approval from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FEMA and MEMA Region I for Stow's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This dynamic plan will be reviewed, revised as appropriate and resubmitted every five years. This formal approval provides us with the authorization to apply for Federal and State Grants.

I would like to thank all the LEPC members and town departments for their time and professionalism. I also want to thank the Nashoba Regional School District for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McLaughlin, Emergency Management Director

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

	Name	Department
1	Baranofsky, Ann-Marie	Nashoba Regional School District
2	Brownfield, Sharon	Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
3	Chief Bill Bosworth	Acting Stow Police Chief
4	Clayton, Michael	Stow Highway Superintendent
5	Cullen, Linda	Town Nurse
6	Fantasia, John	Stow Communications Center
7	Funkhouser, Sharon	Stow Council on Aging
8	Hathaway, Linda	Stow Town Clerk
9	Kern, Charlie	Stow Board of Selectmen
10	King, George	Nashoba Regional School District
11	Martin, Craig	Building Inspector
12	McLaughlin, Mike	Stow Fire Chief
13	McLaughlin, Susan	Office of the Board of Selectmen
14	Norton, Bob	Stow Wiring Inspector
15	Perry, Patricia	Stow Conservation Committee
16	Perry, Ross	Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
17	Rising, Marcia	Board of Health/MRC
18	Robart, Sarah	Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
19	Ryan, Tom	Board of Selectmen
20	Spratt, Bill	Nashoba Regional School District
21	Stadolnik, Rebecca	Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
22	Tobey, Elizabeth	Stow Information Technology
23	Toole, Alyson	Stow Council on Aging
24	Trahman, Patricia	Nashoba Regional School District
25	Trefry, Bruce	Emerson Hospital
26	Wallace, Jack	Stow Board of Health
27	Wrigley, William	Stow Town Administrator